



Washington State Legislature

April 22, 2013

Mr. David Schumacher, Director
Office of Financial Management
PO Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

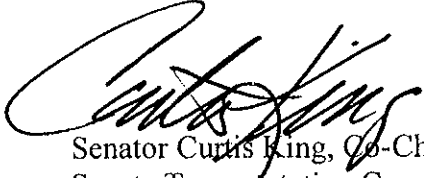
There is broad support for a more robust Access Washington web portal and the opportunities that the OFM proposed service contract with NICUSA could provide to the citizens of Washington. Our concerns about this contract are related to how these investments would be funded as currently proposed; *solely on the back of abstract driving records (ADR)*. A \$13 fee is currently imposed on ADRs, which funds important public safety activities such as those conducted by the Washington State Patrol. Just last year this fee was increased 30 percent, from \$10 to \$13 and adding an additional \$2, as has been suggested to fund this new contract, would be *another* 15 percent increase a year later. Has there been an honest assessment of the elasticity of ADRs? Based on a comparison of the forecast for ADRs between last year before the fee increase was adopted and this year there is a **16 percent decrease** in estimated transactions. If this added \$2 fee has a similar impact this could have the unintended consequence of taking funds away from public safety activities and from accounts like the State Patrol Highway Account that, as you know, is projected to go in the red as soon as next biennium. Even just a five percent decrease represents a \$2 million decrease in revenue.

While we agree that these web portal investments are important we do not believe that they are more important than funding our public safety agencies.

Forecasted ADR transactions			
Forecast (in thousands)	2012	2013	2014
February 2012	3,053	3,100	3,132
March 2013	2,938	2,607	2,635
Change	-4%	-16%	-16%

Transportation, as well as other state agencies, need improved web portals to facilitate public access to state government information and services. Those of us on transportation are prepared to pay our fair share of improving the state's web portal system however, we would like to see an investment plan that provides an equitable structure to fund the improvements based on the level investment being made across state government.

Sincerely,

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Senator Curtis King, Co-Chair
Senate Transportation Committee

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Senator Tracey Eide, Co-Chair
Senate Transportation Committee

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Representative Judy Clibborn, Chair
House Transportation Committee